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Department has no repeat no information that flights of three IL-18's under Cuban registry proposing overfly Fedrep Nov. 19-25 between Moscow and Havana are connected negotiations re Cuba. We surmise they may be ferry flights of aircraft acquired by Cuba from USSR, possibly to augment Cubana's Prague-Havana service or to inaugurate new Cubana service to Moscow. It also possible USSR has placed aircraft under Cuban registry to avoid problems connected with Soviet non-adherence to Chicago Convention and Transit Agreement and that USSR is actually operating aircraft for its own purposes. USSR has (except Mikoyan visit) not been able operate aircraft to Cuba under its own registry since Cuban crisis arose.

US of course strongly opposed Soviet flights to Cuba or further augmentation Cubana's services. This matter under POLAD discussion for several weeks with FEDREP among others agreeing to US proposals. (See POLTO's 530 and 556) Embassy should urge FEDREP to deny request or postpone action indefinitely. Latter could take form of asking endless questions

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 not been able operate aircraft to Cuba under Cuban registry since Cuban
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US of course has no objection to Cuba or further
 augmentation of Cuban aircraft to USSR. Matter is PNLAD discussion for
 several weeks with USSR during October agreed USSR proposals. (See
 SUPPLY)

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